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Challoner,
Mitchell
and Co.

The Jewellers,

No. 47 Government Street.

We make a specialty of Fire
Watch Repairs, and guarantee
satisfaction.

Umbrellas!

Owing to the persistent wet weather we have arranged a Special Umbrella Offering for the balance of '97—only a few days. You are reminded that we are showing the best stock of Umbrellas in town, and to intending purchasers our assortments and prices will be found very interesting.

J. HUTCHESON & CO.

December 26.

The Westside

N.B.—Balance of Fancy Xmas Articles at One Half Price—this week only.

A Picture of the Past.



The old year is fast passing away. We soon will turn over a new leaf; look upon the picture of the past, see the mistakes of a year and make new resolutions to be broken. Don't break that resolution to buy for cash. You will have no remorse. For New Year's cheer we offer

CRUIKSHAN LAWNS, in pig jugs.
GREYBEARDS, in pig jugs.
IRISH WHISKY, in Imperial quarts.
CLARET, French.
CLARET, California.
PORT, Old English.
SHERRY, Dry.

Dixi H. Ross & Co.

New Year Cards

In great variety have just been opened out by us. We are also prepared for the new year with a large assortment of

Letts' Diaries

Canadian, Office and Pocket Diaries
Copying Books, Blank Books and other office Requisites.

T. N. HIBBEN & CO.

Don't Fail to
See Our Neckwear

Like many others have already done, if you don't see our Xmas Ties and other goods you'll be sorry.

Geo. R. Jackson, 57 Government Street, VICTORIA, B.C.

FOR SALE. A BARGAIN.

Richmond and Cowan Avenues—S.E. Corner

One acre of ground planted in small fruits; warm, eight-room dwelling, stable and fowl houses. Cost \$5,000, will be sold for \$3,000. Small payment down, with interest at 6 per cent. per annum on deferred payments. Apply

40 Government St.

B.C. LAND & INVESTMENT AGENCY, LIMITED.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

LOST—Irish Setter "dog"; 12 months old. Finder reward. Reward same as of \$5. Fourth street, Work Estate, Frank Turner.

WANTED—A girl to save books. James & Hitchcock, 28 Broad street.

A. SEASON'S BALL will be held in A.O. U.W. Hall on New Year's Eve, Dec. 31, at 8 P.M. The hall will be filled with guests, admiring lady and gentleman, \$1; extra, 50 cents.

WELLINGTON COLLIERIES Household Coal, double screened, 2,000 lbs to the ton. Hall, Gopel & Co., 100 Government St., Telephone—call No. 83.

A. COMPLETE STOCK of Air Guns, Footballs, Boxing Gloves, etc., etc., suitable for Xmas presents, at Henry Short & Sons, 72 Douglas street.

COAL OR WOOD—Lever's orders, with Munn, Holland & Co., Broad street, opposite Dr. Ward.

BOXING GLOVES, Punching Bags, Footballs, etc., new stock at J. Barnsley's, 119 Government street.

EIGHTY-FIVE CENTS BUYS A DOLLAR

tin of Mellor's Cavige Paint. Ready mixed. Requires no varnishing. Paint your buggy while it's cheap. Mellor, 76-78 Fort street.

MELLOR'S MIXED PAINTS—Absolutely pure and full Imperial measure guaranteed. \$1 per gallon. Mellor's Floor Paints same price. J. W. Mellor, 76-78 Fort street.

IF THE PARTY WHO TOOK a parcel from Hibben's store by mistake on Dec. 24th, will return same, they can have their own.

XMAS PRESENTS

We have a fine assortment of Toilet Cases, Leather Travelling Cases, Roger & Gallet's Perfumes, etc.

HALL & CO. Dispensing Chemists, Clarence Block, cor. Yates and Douglas Sts

MIRRORS RE-SILVERED.

Work Guaranteed.

76-78 Fort St.

COAL AND WOOD. BAKER & COLSTON

Double Screened Alexandra, Rocker Lump \$5.50 ton

Bo. Wellington 6.00 ton

First Quality Dry Cordwood 3.25c/d

Weight and measure guaranteed. Wharf and office, Belleville street, James Bay. Telephone—name on Fort St. Skagway & Co., 407, City Hall, 100 Government St., Telephone 401.

Take the

All-Canadian Route

To 58 Fort St.

To have your Umbrellas re-handled, re-covered, repaired, etc. Pairs fitted and locks repaired in any part of the city on short notice. Every description of keys in stock or made to order. Any mechanical repairs.

— J. WAITES

58 Fort St.

FOR THE NORTH

THE STEAMER

"Barbara Boscowitz"

carrying Her Majesty's mail, sails from Porte's Wharf for Skidegate, Nass River and Way Point, via Vancouver.

On Saturday, January 1st, 1898, at 8 P.M.

For freight and passage apply to

J. D. WARREN, Agent, 16 Trounce Avenue.

VICTORIA THEATRE

ONE NIGHT ONLY SATURDAY, JANUARY 1

The Famous Comedians

Monroe and Hart

In the latest and most successful Three Act Comedy.

— J. WAITES

FOR XMAS PRESENTS—Dress patterns

no two alike, at the Lansdowne House, 88 Yates street. John Partridge.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

NOTICE.

The undersigned, at present carrying on

business as wholesale Druggists, at Victoria and Vancouver, B.C., as Langley & Henderson Bros., will on and after the first day of January, 1898, continue the

same business under the firm name of HENDERSON BROS.

J. N. HENDERSON, T. M. HENDERSON, W. M. HENDERSON.

High Life Cigarettes

Are in Quality and Price Without
Exception the Very Best Made.

AT H. L. SALMON'S.

THIRTY DAYS FROM DAWSON

Steamer Aiki Brings Down a Crowd
of Men Who Left Late
in November.

Dan Egan, "the Montana Kid," nad
His Partner Make a Fast Trip
by Dog Train.

No Longer Any Danger of Starvation
in the Klondike
Metropolis.

Now That the Trail Is Levelled There
Is No Difficulty in
Coming Out.

Large Amount in Dust and Drafts
Said To Be in Possession of
the Late Arrivals.

Mrs. J. J. McKay Makes the Trip
in Company With Her
Husband.

Thirty miners bringing news from Dawson City up to November 27th arrived on the steamer Aiki which called at Nainsoo on Monday evening and reached her destination, Seattle, yesterday afternoon. A dozen more men who had also reached the coast from Dawson remained at Skagway.

The party came out in twenty-three days, another in twenty-five and some without dogs made the trip to tide water in thirty-three days. Among those who came out was Mrs. J. J. McKay, of Tacoma, the first woman to make the trip. All those who arrive report that there will be no starvation in the country and that the scare is over. They estimate the output of gold this winter at from ten to twenty millions. It was John Kelli, not Keller, who on the way out at Fort Selkirk was robbed of \$8,24 in gold dust, and Johnson and Elmer were arrested and tried for the offence. They were apprehended at Little Salmon, but the evidence was not sufficient to convict them and they were discharged. T. B. Corey is on the way out completely discouraged. A young man named McGuire, of Chicago, in Corey's party, froze his feet on the way out and was left at Five Fingers. He will die. Nearly all who came out will return in the spring.

The passengers by the Aiki are: Capt. Ed. Barrington, M. B. Cray, J. J. McKay and wife, Dan Egan (the Montana kid), Jim Keating, W. W. Cleveland, L. W. Fox, W. E. Knowles, S. G. Coffman, C. Dugan, B. Murin, W. A. Kersting, B. Anderson, A. Hedstrom, Wm. Folker, J. D. Barnes, H. Dobson, Geo. Monroe, S. W. Foote, C. J. Christensen, E. L. Renaud, C. P. Phillips, T. H. Mallory, Con. O'Brien, A. L. Cheney, H. G. Knock, E. A. Sather, J. Dobruski. The last to leave Dawson were Kid Egan and W. A. Kersting. The temperature on the way out was 40 below part of the time. A furious snow storm was encountered at the summit by those coming out and it was only by the merest chance that they came through without mishap. Several dogs were lost there, and men wandered about for hours in the blinding snow. Slipping on the Yukon is very rough, and Thirty-Mile river is not frozen. All but one or two came by dog train. They say that several hundred more are on the way, and that undoubtedly some will perish on the long trip. Jessie McDougall, a young lady of Fremont, lies at the point of death at Lake Labarge with inflammatory rheumatism. A man named Dobson had a narrow escape from death by drowning and nearly froze to death before a fire could be built. The soles of his feet froze and he had to make the trip out with sore feet. Capt. Barrington got a number of valuable claims. The money stolen from Kelli was the proceeds of eighteen head of cattle taken in for H. B. & N. Kell left the dust in a cabin rolled up in his blankets, and it was stolen while he was out.

It is estimated that not over \$150,000 in gold dust and nuggets was brought out. T. H. Mallory, of Spokane, brought the largest individual amount, he having \$8,000. Only three or four of those who came out were at Dawson more than three months, nearly all having started in with the first rush, the latter part of July. They are coming out, not so much for the reason that provisions are scarce at Dawson, as for the purpose of purchasing outfitts for the next season.

The entire number of returning Dawsonites hoot at the idea of there being any starvation in Dawson this winter or next spring. When informed of the action taken by the United States government to send in a relief expedition they referred to the scheme as ridiculous and wholly needless for.

Over 2,000 men have gone from Dawson to Fort Yukon, where there is an unlimited supply of provisions, and those left in Dawson are reported as all having three square meals a day and plenty of

grub in sight to last until well along in the spring.

No sickness is reported at Dawson and everybody there is in much better circumstances than their friends on the outside imagine.

Edward Conrad, one of the Al-Ki passengers, said his party left Dawson on November 5, and that he came out to take in a supply of provisions. When asked if there is danger of starvation at Dawson and in the camps, he emphatically replied:

"No, sir. There is no great surplus of food, but there will be no starvation. From five to eight hundred went down to Fort Yukon, and probably 250 are coming out."

Concerning recent strikes Mr. Conrad said that all of the creeks in the Klondike district are turning out well, and that Sulphur Creek, Quartz Creek and Dominion Creek, in the Rainy River district, are proving to be good.

"Three miles below the mouth of Stewart River is Henderson Creek, and that is showing up well. There are about 300 men camped at the mouth of Stewart River, who will prospect Stewart River this winter.

Upon the matter of shortage Mr. Conrad says the most serious shortage is in candles and oil.

"In fact, by March or April they will need flour, beans, bacon and rice, but the statement that starvation is there is a pure fabrication, and the scare is made for the purpose of selling goods to be sent in at a high price."

When asked for an opinion upon the government relief expedition he said:

"It is a humbug and I doubt if it can get down to Dawson before the ice breaks. The men who come out and say starvation lurks there are men who were there only a few weeks, got discouraged and homesick, and cry: 'Starvation' as an excuse for coming out."

"It is a fact, Mr. Conrad, that the late boats up the river brought more whisky than grub."

"Yes, it is. When the Delta came up the last boat of the season it had whisky, tobacco and women, and very little grub. To appease the miners it offered to take them free to Fort Yukon and to pay \$4 a cord for cutting wood."

P. F. Carpenter, of Seattle, left Dawson with his party on the 19th of November, stopping four days at Stewart river. He knew little regarding the reported strikes at Stewart river, but said he heard of something of the sort while stopping in that vicinity. He was very sanguine about the food situation, and laughed as he had read of the plans of the United States government to send in relief.

He said the money had better be spent in helping the steamers, loaded with supplies on the lower Yukon, when he thought of the seeming impossibilities of shipping in large stores of provisions at this season of the year, over the trails. His idea seemed to be that if food was to be taken in at government expense, the most feasible plan would be to get the food on the imprisoned steamers up the river, but, then, he would not have it that there was any danger, whatever of a shortage. Mr. Carpenter claimed that his party had actually made the trip out in twenty-three days of travel.

Mr. Renard, who came out with George Bassett and party, was also a passenger on the Al-Ki, and is now a guest at the Dominion hotel, having come over from Seattle this morning.

MR. TREMAYNE'S STORY.

Return of One of the Big Party of Manitobans From the Klondike.

Mr. H. H. Tremayne arrived from Dawson this morning, having left the Klondike capital on November 27th.

He confirms the news brought by the other returning miners that there will be no famine in Dawson, although, he says, there is not too much food there. Regarding the miners' strike, he brings the news that it has been a failure. The men would not combine and they slowly went back to work, some at \$1 and some at \$1.50 an hour. A prime factor of the defeat of the strikers was the calm, mild weather, which kept back work; for when a hole was sunk it was soon flooded.

Mr. Tremayne says that fully 600 miners were preparing to leave Dawson for the coast when he left. No more are going down to Fort Yukon, for the river is now blocked and they cannot travel.

Major Walsh was met at Big Salmon carrying the dog train being sent to him from Skagway. He has plenty of provisions and expects to leave for Dawson immediately the train arrives. The mauls which are piled up at Big Salmon will be then taken to Dawson. Mr. Tremayne also tells of a big strike made on Hunker creek early in November. An 80-foot pay streak was found on claim 47, above, and a pay streak 280 feet long on 43, below. There is four feet of good dirt there, going, in many cases, as high as \$6 to the pan.

Mr. Tremayne and his four companions had a very rough, yet a fast trip to the coast. They came out by way of the Yukon and the chain of lakes leading to the coast. They intended to come out by way of the Dalton trail, but it is now impracticable.

Mr. Tremayne was a member of the big party of Manitobans who went to Dawson last spring with Archdeacon Mc Kay. He was formerly secretary to Commissioner Chipman, of the Hudson Bay Company.

Prescription
Store
Always Open



Pure Drugs
and
Chemicals.

Corner Fort and
Douglas Sts.

SECRETARY ALGER

Is Now Reported Dangerously Ill—Has
Been Overworked.

Chicago, Dec. 28.—The Post's Wash-
ington City special says:

Gen. Alger, secretary of war, is lying
critically ill at his residence from an
acute attack of la grippe, with typhoid
symptoms. It is only within the last
few hours that his condition became such
as to alarm his family. Up to yesterday
afternoon he continued to discharge some
of his official duties. This he did while
lying in bed. Since then, however, he has
become much weaker.

Gen. Alger has not been in robust
health for some time, as it was his practice
to give too much time to details
of the war department, and he has really
done a greater amount of work than
he was obliged to. All this told on him
and he is now suffering from the effects
of too close application to his official la-
bors.

BURNED TO DEATH.

Pittsburg, Dec. 28.—During a fire at
New Haven, a suburb of this city, in the
residence of Mrs. Mary Ann Bowdy
last evening, Miss Nancy Bowdy, aged
46, was burned to death, and the mother,
aged 76, was so badly burned that she
cannot survive. Miss Bowdy, who came
here about a month ago from Butte,
Mont., to visit her mother, lost her life
in trying to save some personal property
from the building. She went to the upper
floor after the flames had made good
headway on the structure and was suffo-
cated. When the house had been gutted
the body of Miss Bowdy was seen
hanging over a joist and in the presence
of about 500 people who had gathered at
the scene was literally burned to a crisp.
The mother threw herself into the burning
building twice in an endeavor to save
her daughter, but each time was dragged
back by friends; nor, however, until she
was so badly burned that she could not
recover.

SAILORS KILLED AT SEA.

Halifax, Dec. 28.—A special despatch
from Bermuda reports an accident at sea
on the ship *Valoo*, in which six lives
were lost. The *Valoo*, which is on a
voyage from Cardiff to St. John, N.B.,
put in there with the loss of her sails.
She reported that on the 20th inst. the
foreyard suddenly parted and fell to the
deck. A number of men were at work
in the rigging at the time and others
were on the deck immediately below.
Of the nine who were carried down by
the falling yard or were struck when
descending, three were killed instantly
and three who took the chances of es-
caping by jumping into the sea were
drowned. Only the day before one of
the crew was killed by falling from aloft
to the deck.

CLAIM DYE.

Washington, Dec. 28.—A decision of
much importance has been made by Com-
missioner Hermann of the general land
office affecting the town of Dyea, Alaska.
The townsite is claimed by Healy and
Wilson under the general law allowing
160 acres in Alaska for manufacturing
and trading purposes. These parties
claim to have made their location long
before any others. The commission re-
jected the application for a patent on a
number of acres of ground, and says the
survey of the claim was not regularly
made. He says a new survey is there-
fore necessary, and the case will come up
on its merits.

FIRE IN DETROIT.

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 28.—Fire broke
out at midnight in the Heinman building
on West Larned street and quickly
spread to the building occupied by the
Detroit Free Press Printing Company.
Before the flames could be subdued the
Heinman building was completely gutted
and the stock of the Free Press Printing
Company was heavily damaged. F. M.
Judd, wholesale paper dealer, and Chas.
A. Roach & Company, wholesale stationers,
occupied the Heinman building.
The total loss will be \$750,000.

MISS KIDDER IS ILL.

St. Louis, Dec. 28.—Katherine Kidder,
the well known tragedienne, is lying ill
at the home of friends in this city. The
Post-Dispatch says her company has
been disbanded and sent back to New
York.

NO SUNDAY LABOR IN RUSSIA.

Under a new imperial ukase in Russia
labor upon Sundays or on the fourteen
great feast days of the Greek calendar
is to be severely punished. Hours of labor
are restricted to eight for children and
eleven for adults and to ten hours on
Saturday.

INSTRUCTED TO ADVERTISE.

Washington City, Dec. 28.—Captain D.
Brainard, who is in Chicago making ar-
rangements for his return to Victoria,
has been instructed to advertise
immediately for a prepared list of nations
consisting essentially of the army nations
for whom he is to act as a general agent
and to whom he is to be responsible for
approximately 500,000 pounds. These supplies
are to be landed at Dyea by February 1.

A NEW COMPANY.

San Francisco, Dec. 28.—Articles of in-
corporation of the Yukon Transportation
and Trading Company have been filed
in the office of the Clerk by J. W.
McDonald, W. F. Mills, J. A. Thompson,
R. G. O'Brien, A. Almayer, W. A. Rich-
ardson and Thomas Fisher. The capital
stock is fixed at \$750,000.

Smart Weed and Belladonna, combined
with the other ingredients used in the best
nervous plasters, make Carter's S. W. & R.
Backache Plasters the best in the market.
Price 25 cents.

A visit to Weiler Bros during Xmas
week is the treat of the season; verify
this.

WAR MUTTERINGS

A Story From Washington Regarding
Russia's Invasion of
Corea.

Kiao Chau a Walled City—Japan in
a Warlike Mood—The
British Fleet.

Washington, Dec. 28.—The announcement
of the determination of England and
Japan to protest against the Emperor
of Corea practically yielding the govern-
ment of that country into the hands of
the Russian ministry excites great
interest here, where the story of Rus-
sia's invasion of Corea is well known.

A year or two ago Russia and Japan
entered into a treaty of alliance, under
which they agreed to assume jointly the
responsibility of preserving the peace
and providing a good government for
Corea. In the division of responsibility
Russia took command of the army, the
police and the direction of foreign af-
fairs, Japan having the departments of
education, agriculture and other com-
paratively unimportant branches of the
government.

The collection of revenues and manage-
ment of the finances were left in charge of
an Englishman named McLevy Brown,
who held the title of "adviser to the
finance department and chief com-
missioner of customs." It was his dis-
missal by the Emperor of Corea which
brought forth the British consul's protest.
The British war vessels are now on
their way to Corea to support this pro-
test.

It was Mr. Brown's duty to see to the
hottest collection of customs, which he
soon reformed so well there was a prospect
Corea's independence would soon be
paid. Early in November, however, to
the surprise of all concerned, there ap-
peared in Seoul as a guest of the Russian
legation a Mr. Alexieff, whose calling
cards bore the title in French, "coun-
sellor of state and agent of the ministry of
marines of the imperial Russian govern-
ment," and an inscription in Chinese
which read, "superintendent of the na-
tionalities of Corea." It seems that the Tsar
induced or compelled the Corean ambas-
sador at St. Petersburg to enter into a
contract with Mr. Alexieff to manage the
Corean finances without consulting any
of the authorities at Seoul. The day
after the arrival of Mr. Alexieff at Seoul
he called upon the minister of finance,
exhibited his contract and announced
that he was ready to enter upon his
duties.

What have you to say to the letter
signed "Mrs. W. J. Bowdy, Jr." which
is published in the Colonist this morning,
Mr. Atkinson?

"Well, I do not like to contradict a
lady, but I must say that that letter
fairly took my breath away. I have al-
ready told you that the report, the edi-
torial and the letter are absolutely not
true," etc.

"You think, then, that some one has
deliberately hoaxed the Colonist on this
matter?"

"How can anyone who knows the facts
doubt it? Cruelly hoaxed."

"You were astonished to see the re-
port and the editorial comment?"

"Very much so; I thought it a shame
that anyone should take his fun off a
man in that way."

"How do you account for Mrs. Bow-
dy's statements?"

"I cannot account for them at all. I
have told you the plain facts in regard
to the whole affair, and more I cannot
say, than to repeat that Mr. Morton cer-
tainly did not take prominent part in
the rescue, and most assuredly he did
not what the Colonist says he did."

If you had taken two of Carter's Little
Liver Pills before you, you would not
have had to cost your tongue or burn your
mouth in the morning. Keep a vial
with you for occasional use.

ANOTHER TRUST.

Pittsburg, Dec. 28.—Eighty per cent.
of the edge tool manufacturers in the
United States have consolidated their in-
terests and have arranged for the erection
of a new plant near Charleroi, about
forty miles south of this city. The
concern will be known as the American Ax
and Tool Company, and will have a capi-
tal stock of \$2,000,000. It will employ
over 2,000 skilled workmen. The con-
solidated plant will be in operation next
week.

There is a world
of romance in the
picture of a young
girl reading her
sweetheart's love-let-
ters. In a multitude
of cases, if her future
could also be pictured,
the picture would
contain a world of pathos.
To the healthy,
robust woman
marriage means
happiness, the
supreme joy of
motherhood and
the promise of a
long, healthy life
of helpfulness
and of a man as
her choice. To
the woman who
suffers from disease
or weakness of the delicate and important
organs concerned in wifehood and mother-
hood, wedlock means suffering and mat-
terness death. Dr. R. V. Pierce is an eminent
and skillful specialist, for thirty years chief
consulting physician to the Invalids' Hotel
and Surgery Institute of Buffalo, N. Y.
During that time he has had a staff of
a thousand of women, he has prescribed
for thousands of women. The Institute of
which he is the head is one of the greatest
in the world. He is a regularly graduated
physician and has practiced right in one
place for thirty years. The esteem in which
he is held by his neighbors is shown by the
fact that they chose him for their represen-
tative to the National Congress. This
is a record held by no one whom he has
reated is shown by the thousands of women
in Dr. Pierce's Common Sense Medical
Adviser, telling of the benefits derived
from his treatment.

Dr. Pierce is the discoverer of a wonder-
ful medicine for women, known as Doctor
Pierce's Favorite Prescription. It cures all
weakness and disease of the feminine
organs. It relieves inflammation, heals ulcer-
ation and soothes pain. It tones the nerves
without exciting the imagination. During
this unusual and interesting period, it
assists the usual discomforts and makes
men's advent easy and almost painless.
Thousands of women have testified to its
marvelous merits. An honest druggist
won't advise a substitute.

The profile of life is health. The
balance is written in the rich, red, pure blood of
health. Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets cure
constipation and make the blood rich and
robust. They never gripe. By druggists
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ARE COMING NORTH

Officers of the Additions to Britain's Pacific Fleet Which Are on Their Way Here.

Leander and Virago Call at San Diego for Coal—Others Two Weeks Behind Them.

Britain's Squadron in the North Pacific Will be the Most Powerful Ever Stationed Here.

H. M. S. Leander and the torpedo boat destroyer Virago, which, as announced in the Times on Monday, arrived at San Diego, Cal., on that day, are to have started north to-day, and should reach Esquimalt on Saturday. They will be followed two weeks later by H. M. S. Phaeton and the torpedo boat destroyer Sparrowhawk. The Leander and Phaeton are twin-screw cruisers, second-class, 4,300 tons; L.H.P., 5,000 N.D. The Virago and Sparrowhawk are twin-screw torpedo boat destroyers; L.H.P., 6,200 F.D. The crew of the Virago will be paid off upon arrival at Esquimalt and the vessel will go into reserve, while the Sparrowhawk will act as tender to the flagship.

The officers of these latest additions to the British Pacific fleet are:

H. M. S. Leader—Captain, Frederick H. Fagan; Lieutenant, Louis J. MacHutchin, (N) Tristan Da Cunha; Charles P. Mansel, George J. Todd, Walton C. G. Ruxton; Lieutenant Royal Naval Reserve, William D. Irvin; Lieutenant marines, Arthur P. Grattan; staff surgeon, Hubert W. A. Burke; paymaster, Charles B. Dawes; chief engineer, Henry Wallis; sub-lieutenant, Horace W. Langdon; assistant paymaster, Thomas B. Clarke; engineer, Thomas P. Jackson; assistant engineer, Archibald W. Macconchie; gunner, (T) Edward Turner; boatswain, Frederick Llewellyn, Samuel J. Willis; carpenter, Joshua Creer.

H. M. S. Virago—Lieutenant and Commander, Edward A. Baird; sub-lieutenant, William C. Castle; engineer, Thomas H. Pound (in lieu of a chief engineer); gunner, Alfred G. Weeks (act. lent from Cambridge).

H. M. S. Phaeton—Captain, Francis G. Kirby; lieutenants, George C. Cayley, (N) Guy M. Martson, Christopher P. Metcalfe, Edgar R. Morant and Charles D. Graham; Lieutenant royal naval reserve, George Hamilton (acting); Lieutenant marines, Francis J. W. Harvey; staff surgeon, Henry Harries; chief engineer, Frederick J. Flood; paymaster, Montague Stephens; sub-lieutenant, Michael H. Wilding; engineer, John C. Jenkins; gunner (T) William J. Crothers; boatswain, Tom Gladig, Thomas Hutchinson; carpenter, John A. Brown; and clerk, Robert A. Jinkin.

H. M. S. Sparrowhawk—Lieut. and Commander, Oscar V. de Satge; sub-lieutenant, Stephen B. Evans; engineer, William R. Parsons (in lieu of a chief engineer); and gunner, William E. Tozer. On arrival on the Pacific station the Sparrowhawk will become tender to the Imperator.

It may be mentioned that when these vessels reach Esquimalt the North Pacific squadron will be the strongest ever stationed here, and will include vessels of nearly all branches of the service, from the most powerful cruisers down to torpedo boats.

ON THE GRIDIRON.

Rev. Principal Grant Scarcifies a Methodist Clergyman.

Rev. Principal Grant writes in the Toronto Evening Star:

The Rev. D. V. Lucas has issued a public challenge to me to debate with him 'the merits and demerits of the liquor traffic, the benefits and feasibility of the total prohibition of the traffic and the duty of Christian nations to prohibit it,' and in connection therewith he undertakes to establish four theses of mixed Scriptural, academic and practical interest. He also proposes that I should give up my work here for two of the busiest weeks in the session, to provide intellectual stimulus or amusement for a Toronto audience and a little cash for the W.C.T.U. What a delightful conception has the man of the ties and duties of a professor!

Permit me to inform him that I have already commenced in the columns of the Globe a public discussion—not on the liquor traffic, but on prohibition; that I confine myself to the thesis that a Dominion prohibitory law would injure the cause of temperance as well as the public and political morality; that it is our present duty to have clear views on this because the government of our country intends very soon to submit—I hope only to ratepayers—a plebiscite on the one question; and that as the question must now be voted on, it is in the interest of temperance and of the enforcement of any law which may be passed that there should be a full vote.

The Globe has said it will give as much space to those who advocate as to those who oppose prohibition.

That is the only notice I shall take of this challenging business. If Mr. Lucas wishes to come to Kingston he can get from me privately the names of men of repute, good Methodists and good temperance men, who will make all the necessary arrangements beforehand to engage to pay over the receipts to the Poor Relief of the city or to the St. Vincent-de-Paul Society. Of course he will not expect a fee, as, like myself, he is only a Canadian, not a star orator coming from a sober country to enlighten a drunken one as to the best methods of securing deliverance, at so much per night, carefully arranged for by the orator or his agent.

As my object in beginning this discussion was to elicit the views of calm and independent laymen, who are not afraid of the insinuations, taunts, misrepresentations, insults and other kinds of verbal mud which a few mistaken friends of temperance are in the habit of throwing at all who do not identify temperance with prohibition, I shall now

retire from the field for a while and allow others to be heard.

NOTES FROM SKAGWAY.

The Journey from Lake Bennett—Condition of the Trails.

Mr. John Grant has received the following interesting letter from a friend at Skagway, who had just returned from Lake Bennett:

Skagway, Dec. 20th, 1897.

My Dear John—Arrived from Bennett yesterday, walked down river, five hours from very summit. Places in river where even dogs can't ascend. Wagon road progressing slowly; a big job; fear they won't have it done before spring. Will be trouble. Americans think they are in United States territory and will try and sell whisky. Police will stop them immediately. I took up 1,000 acres timber land; no other land any good. Lots of trail on the lake now. McCaulay passed down-bound for White Horse while I was at Bennett. From Summit to Middle lake lots of snow. Freday way up. Don't think dogs will be much use here. Horses principally, men on sleighs such as I brought. They pull 2 or 3 at a time. Strickland at Bennett says a lot of dogs in Dawson to come out. Lots people coming up river via Bennett. They say impossible to use dogs or horses below Lake LeBerge. River frozen in lumps as large as a brick block; would have to tunnel through them; they say McGregor can't get down, but he is going to try it with 50 dogs and about 20 horses and bob sleighs and 20 extra men to cut trail. Tom Bishop is with the police going down. He is a handy man fitting up sleighs and harness. Police have lost 7,000 pounds of provisions down by Hootalinqua, and one man, and Capt. Norwood and several others badly frozen. Little has come up to Bennett to stay all winter to build boats for June. Walsh and Stearns only at Little and Big Salmon. Trouble commences in earnest at Thirty-mile river. Nine-mile current. Food very scarce in Dawson. Police at Hootalinqua mouth are paying \$1 pound for outfit. McGregor is sick of his job. I went over the trail with him. He rode on pack and laid down on ice and rested, and we got in two hours ahead of him. He has no grit. I sent John Lindsay from Dawson to you. He has drawn things a little too fine. Everyone but him is going back.

This trail is a succession of hills. I rather fancy goods can be taken over Dyea cheaper. Packing and transportation charges, I imagine, will be high all the season. Bennett not closed up yet; about six miles lower end not safe for horses yet, and will be worse as a Chinook is blowing now. There will soon be a small town at Bennett. We were none too soon. Lots of business and building here and at Dyes, only latter very bad landing place. McCaulay started four days ahead of me via Dyes for Bennett, and I arrived four days ahead of him. He had some more stuff than I, however. Horses better than dogs—former quick at \$125 now. Team work good; none making less than \$20 per day. Wagon road company have 300 men working 7 hours, \$25 per day and board. I had a long talk with St. Cyr, the Teslin lake surveyor. He says no number at Teslin to build boats, and reports Frank Yorke discouraged, but speaks highly of the trail, though he admits it is 180 miles long and very boggy. Only trouble with this trail now is between Summit and Middle lake. Deep snow, otherwise it is fine. Sleigh road will soon be broken. J. TRIM.

A MODERN NEW YORK HOTEL.

The latest news in New York is the recent opening of the Astoria, Mr. John Jacob Astor's new hotel. It adjoins the Waldorf, Mr. William Waldorf Astor's hotel, and the two practically form one building, called the Waldorf-Astoria. The Waldorf-Astoria is considered the largest and finest hotel in the world. It is a \$3,000,000 hotel, built by millionaires for the use of millionaires. The Waldorf and Astoria have been grafted together with such architectural cunning that no break can be detected. Floor has been fitted to floor, story to story, window to window, roof to roof. The structure extends along Fifth Avenue and for half a block down Thirty-third and Thirty-fourth streets. To give one an idea of its proportions, there are laid in the Astoria alone nearly 284 miles of electric wire for lighting and call-boy service. Many corridors are 300 feet long. The ball-room is 100 feet square and 40 feet high, while not a post or a pillar breaks the polished stretch of its 10,000 square feet of dancing surface. Upon the roof is a sun parlor or winter garden, glass-enclosed. There is also a great promenade, which in summer will be used as a roof garden.

BRITISH COLONIAL EXPANSION.

Here are some figures which illustrate in a striking manner the progress of some of our colonies: Half a century ago the commerce of the Cape Colony was estimated at \$60,000,000; to-day it is reckoned at \$27,000,000; undoubtedly the record of progress among our colonial dependencies. A comparison of the shipping exports shows a similar phenomenal advance; for instance, in 1857 the tonnage outwards and inwards at Cape Town was, approximately, 150,000 tons, while at the present time the figures stand at 3,500,000 tons. Canada, too, within the same period has raised her import values from four to twenty-four millions, and her exports from \$2,500,000 to \$24,000,000. The Australian colonies, in their order, figure for exports: \$20,000,000 for New South Wales, £12,000,000 for Victoria, and £10,000,000 for New Zealand, while their imports are, respectively, £26,000,000, £5,500,000, and £4,500,000.

Eating is a necessity. To the healthy it is a pleasure; to the dyspeptic a torture. By the use of Ayer's Sarsaparilla, the weakest and most disordered stomach is restored to its natural condition, and food is once more partaken of with youthful relish and satisfaction.

CASTORIA

For Infants and Children.

Castoria
Chas. H. Hitchcock
1897

A GREAT COMPANY

Copy of the Prospectus of the British American Corporation, Limited, London, Eng.

One of the Largest Syndicates Ever Formed to Handle Canadian Mining Properties.

The following is a copy of the prospectus of the British America Corporation, Limited, which was issued in London on the 11th instant, and a cabled summary of which has already appeared in these columns:

The directors of the London and Globe Finance Corporation, Ltd., offer for subscription by their shareholders (to whom alone allotments will be made) the capital of the undermentioned issue.

British America Corporation, Limited, incorporated under the Companies Acts, 1862 to 1883; capital, £1,500,000, in shares of £1 each, of which 1,000,000 shares are now offered for subscription at par. Payable, 10s. per share on application, and 10s. per share on allotment.

Directors.

The Most Hon. the Marquis of Dufferin and Ava, K.P., G.C.B., G.C.M.G., &c. (ex-Governor-General of the Dominion of Canada, and Chairman of the London and Globe Finance Corporation, Limited.) Chairman.

The Right Hon. Lord Loch, G.C.B., G.C.M.G., late Governor of the Cape Colony and High Commissioner for South Africa, and Director of the London and Globe Finance Corporation.

One-half interest in all claims that may be located by any exploring party sent out to exploit the Sweetlarks river.

One-fourth interest in eleven claims on Bonanza and El Dorado creeks, Klondike.

Twenty adjoining claims in the heart of the Bonanza creek, which are said to be amongst the richest at Klondike.

Claim No. 21, situated on Bear creek, Klondike, equal to five claims.

Claim No. 2, on El Dorado Creek, Klondike, also equal to five claims.

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LOCAL NEWS.

Cleanings of City and Prov. News in a Condensed Form.

The Companions of the Forest will hold a seasons' ball New Year's eve in A.O.U.W. Hall.

Copies of the Municipal Voters' List can be obtained at the city clerk's office at ten cents each.

For Xmas presents—Children's furs sets at the Lansdowne House, 86 Yates street. John Partridge.

Glassware just received and for sale cheap for cash at R. A. Brown & Co.'s 80 Douglas street.

The managers of the Sir William Wallace Hall have arranged for a ball to be held on New Year's eve.

"Mother Goose's Christmas Party" and "Britannia, the Ocean Queen," will be presented shortly by the pupils of St. John's Sunday school.

Samples of '98 Brantford bicycles have arrived at Onions & Plimley's, Broad street. Good second-hand bicycles for \$20 and \$30.

You want a treat. Try the Queen's almonence, made from the recipe of the Queen's chef and manufactured by Her Majesty's chef, prepared by Okell & Morris.

The Victoria ladies' hockey team were defeated yesterday by the ladies of the Terminal City by five goals to one. The Victoria team was short several players, the vacancies being filled from the Vancouver club.

The Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. McInnes will receive at Government House on New Year's day, from two to six o'clock. Mrs. McInnes will be at home to callers every Thursday there, after, from three to half past five o'clock.

If any of our readers have poultry feathers for sale (geese, duck, hen or turkey feathers) they will do well to communicate with the Alaska Feather and Down Company, who give highest market price for all Canadian feathers. The address of this company is 290 Guy street, Montreal; and when writing please mention this journal.

A week of prayer will be conducted by the Ministerial Association, commencing on Monday next. On Monday services will be held in the Centennial Methodist and Emmanuel Baptist churches; on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday in St. Andrew's Presbyterian church and on Thursday evening the regular prayer meetings will be held.

Impressive services were held yesterday afternoon at the Centennial Methodist church, the "occasion" being the funeral of the late Thomas S. Bone. Rev. J. F. Betts officiated. The interment took place at Ross Bay cemetery, the following gentlemen acting as pallbearers: Noah Shakespeare, Captain McCulloch, W. Andean, J. Kinsman, J. W. Carey and D. Spencer.

Jim, a Nitinat Indian, was up before Magistrate Macrae in the provincial court charged with endeavoring to sell a hen pheasant. He was convicted, but as he was the first Indian brought before the magistrate for an infraction of the game act, he was discharged with a warning. Two Chinamen are before the magistrate this afternoon to answer to a charge of assaulting one of their countrymen at the Goldstream water works.

Christmas treats are the order of the day. Last evening the pupils of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Sunday school spent the evening together; this afternoon the children of the R. C. Sunday school enjoyed theirs, and this evening there will be a good time at the First Congregational church, in which the children of the Protestant Orphans' Home will participate. St. Barnabas' church Sunday school will celebrate this evening also.

The inimitable comedians, Monroe and Hart, with their excellent company of twenty-two fun-making players, will on Saturday evening be seen at the Victoria Theatre in the brightest, jolliest and most attractive three-act comedy of the year, entitled "The Gay Matinee Girl." This high-class company has played to a succession of crowded houses since the initial production of their comedy and, from present indications, they will duplicate their success here. Reserved seats can be secured at Jamieson's book store.

As has been the custom for many years past, a reception will be held in Temperance hall, Pandora street, on New Year's day between 1 a.m. and 5 p.m. This year the reception will be under the auspices of Perseverance and Cedar Hill Lodges, I.O.G.T. Refreshments will be served, and during the evening a concert under the direction of Mr. J. G. Brown will be given, and some of the city's most distinguished vocalists, elocutionists and instrumentalists will take part, and a few short addresses will also be given by prominent clergymen of the city. Many people in Victoria at this season of the year have no friends to spend the day with, and the officers and members of these lodges will be glad to have these persons call upon them on New Year's day and partake of their hospitality. There will be no admission fee charged for the concert in the evening.

As good as the name—the "Nugget" cigar. J. C. Meiss & Co.

Hotel Victoria, Victoria, strictly first-class, rates \$2 upwards.

FINNAN HADDIES at R. H. Jameson's, 33 Fort street, Red Front Store.

Queen's mincemeat, as prepared by Her Majesty's chef, prepared by O'Keil & Morris.

The Mayor and Mrs. Redfern will be at home to receive callers from 1 to 6 p.m. on New Year's day.

15 cent tea kettles, 15 cent dish pans and other cheap tinware at R. A. Brown & Co.'s, 80 Douglas street.

John Lingquist was arrested by Constable Anderson this morning charged with being found drunk on Johnson street.

This week we offer at cost ladies' jackets, waterproofs and wrappers. John Partridge, Lansdowne House, 86 Yates street.

Pabst Bohemian, from Milwaukee, the finest beer the world ever produced, on draught at 5 cents per glass, at the Bank Exchange, the costliest, cleanest, cheapest restaurant in the city. Never closes.

The annual Christmas entertainment of the children of Calvary Baptist church Sunday school will be held this evening at the school room of the church. Tea will be served from 6 to 8 o'clock, after which a good musical programme will be presented. Santa Claus will visit the school room during the evening's entertainment.

The Victoria West Methodist Sunday school will hold their usual Christmas tree entertainment in Semple's hall to-morrow evening at 8 o'clock. The programme will be given by the children for which good preparation has been made, and there should be a large attendance of the friends of the school.

Ah Song and Ah Wing, two Chinese working at Goldstream, each contributed fines of \$5 with costs to the provincial government this afternoon for the privilege of punching each other. The row began over an old coat belonging to one of them, which the other had cut up during his absence.

On account of the injunction proceedings instituted by the plaintiff in Jameson v. the City of Victoria, the tax sale has been postponed. The argument took place yesterday before Chief Justice Davie, who reserved his judgment. Herbert Robertson for plaintiff and W. J. Taylor for defendant.

THE CARD SAFE.

The Missing Freighter Reaches Port After a Long, Rough Passage.

The long overdue freighter J. C. Card arrived at noon to-day with a cargo of hay and feed for the Brackman & Ker Milling Co. She left the Fraser on December 15th, and has therefore occupied two weeks upon the voyage to Victoria. The trip was a series of little runs from point to point. Soon after leaving Mud Bay her boiler sprang a leak, and at no time could she carry more than 40 to 60 pounds of steam. This was insufficient to enable her to make headway against the heavy weather, and save when the wind was favorable, she lay in any available harbor. On Sunday last she arrived at James Island, as reported by the Fingal, and left for Victoria the same morning. Owing to the severe weather she was, however, obliged to put back. Another start was made yesterday afternoon, and she proceeded as far as Cadboro Bay, where she spent yesterday evening. She will be repaired here.

SEVERAL ROBBERIES.

Lot of Novelties and Other Articles Stolen From Lowenberg's Store.

A series of robberies has occurred recently, the latest to be reported, being two committed last night. Lowenberg & Co.'s store on Wharf street was entered last evening and a large number of small articles, including novelties and jewellery, were stolen. The police have been unable to decide how an entrance to the store was obtained. Nothing was broken, so the thief must have had a key to the front door; or the back door may have been left open.

A second robbery was committed last evening at the residence of Mrs. McDougall, at the corner of Henry and Government streets. On going to close the front door for the night Mr. McDougall found that the lock had been broken. An examination showed that a lady's gold watch, charm and guard, had been stolen.

A lot of harness was stolen last night from King's barn on Caledonia avenue.

PERSONAL.

Senator Reid is down from Cariboo. Mrs. T. L. Davis left for Nelson this morning.

E. W. Pratt returned last evening from the Mainland.

R. Jamieson returned last evening from Victoria.

H. Youdall, of New York, is a guest at the Oriental.

J. A. Fullerton, of the C.P.R., Vancouver, is in the city.

Wm. F. Frazee, of Rossland, is a guest at the New England.

Dr. J. T. Carroll and wife, of Vancouver, are the Dirdars.

Miss Anna has returned from California, fully restored to health.

Mrs. and Miss Hayward leave to-morrow evening on a visit to California.

John Hendry and Alex. Charlton, of Vancouver, are registered at the Dirdar.

Frank V. Bodwell and J. S. Rankin, of Victoria, are the Dirdars.

Lient.-Col. Bonville, M.P., and wife returned from the Sound this morning.

C. N. Davidson, R. P. McLean and Norman McLeod, of Vancouver, are in the city.

W. F. Carson, of the C.P.R., San Francisco, office, left for Skagway last evening on a steamer.

Mrs. Clair Blackwood went to Skagway this morning by the steamer City of Seattle to join her husband.

W. C. Teare, assistant general superintendent of the Canadian Pacific railway, came over from the Sound this morning.

Miss Blackwood, who has been spending the holidays with her brother, E. E. Blackwood, left for her home in Portland, this morning.

James Armstrong, of Alberni, leaves in the morning for the C.P.R., for New York, from which port he will sail on the steamer St. Louis, on January 5 for Europe.

As has been the custom for many years past, a reception will be held in Temperance hall, Pandora street, on New Year's day between 1 a.m. and 5 p.m. This year the reception will be under the auspices of Perseverance and Cedar Hill Lodges, I.O.G.T. Refreshments will be served, and during the evening a concert under the direction of Mr. J. G. Brown will be given, and some of the city's most distinguished vocalists, elocutionists and instrumentalists will take part, and a few short addresses will also be given by prominent clergymen of the city. Many people in Victoria at this season of the year have no friends to spend the day with, and the officers and members of these lodges will be glad to have these persons call upon them on New Year's day and partake of their hospitality. There will be no admission fee charged for the concert in the evening.

As good as the name—the "Nugget" cigar. J. C. Meiss & Co.

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Queen's mincemeat, as prepared by Her Majesty's chef, prepared by O'Keil & Morris.

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FAST ATLANTIC LINE

Hon. R. R. Dobell Explains Very Fully the Present Status of the Scheme.

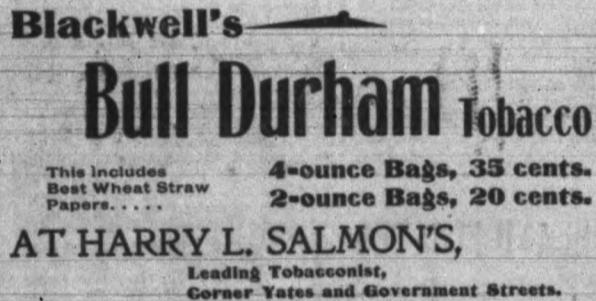
Peterson, Tait & Co. Ready to go on With Their Contract—Some Wicked Opposition.

Ottawa, Dec. 29.—Hon. R. R. Dobell is here. Talking on the present position of the fast Atlantic steamship line, he states that a letter has just been received by the government confirming the Star's special cable of some days ago, that Peterson, Tait & Co., the government contractors, had satisfied the government as to the second £10,000, they were required to put up as security for the due execution of the contract. Unless this is carried out the whole £20,000 will be forfeited. Mr. Dobell says that

the fact that the firm have satisfied the government in the matter of the second £10,000 is the strongest possible assurance that they intend to execute their contract. The model of a turret steamer now on private exhibition in London. Mr. Dobell declares to be a perfect ocean-going steamer, and the admiralty contractors claim for it more stability than any other steamship afloat. Owing to the engineers' strike on the other side, Mr. Dobell contends that Canada is not losing so much time as would at first appear, for nearly all the yards are now idle. The minister says it is impossible to estimate the wicked opposition made to Peterson, Tait & Co., and the unworthy methods resorted to by the opponents of their scheme.

In regard to bonding through Yukon of American goods destined for Alaska, the customs department has notified the Washington authorities that so soon as reliable transportation companies are formed, which will be in the near future, the government will accept a bond from such companies for proper transportation of dutiable goods through Canadian territory. Until that time, however, the government does not consider it practicable for a Canadian officer to accompany all American goods through Canadian territory, the distance being so great. Therefore, it is proposed to collect the duty at Tagish Lake, and when the goods pass out of Canada at Cudahy the amount will be refunded by the collector there on presentation of the receipt given at Tagish.

The premier of New Zealand has enlisted the postmaster-general that the New Zealand legislature having passed the mail subsidy bill, the alternate service to Vancouver and San Francisco will commence on the 8th proximo. Hitherto the steamers carrying the mails from San Francisco have sailed sometimes within a day or so of the Vancouver steamer, but under the new arrangements made by the New Zealand government the San Francisco mails must be carried at dates intermediate with those of the Vancouver mails, so that from Canada and the United States the result will be a fortnightly mail. The first mail under the new arrangement will leave Vancouver on February 10.



NEWS OF VANCOUVER.

The Spinks Inquiry—Vancouver Ladies Victorious at Hockey.

Vancouver, B. C. Dec. 29.—Justice McColl yesterday concluded at Westminster the official inquiry into the alleged mal-administration of justice by Judge Spinks. He will report at an early date. The previous statement in regard to the commissioner's action was unfounded. It was based on an incomplete dispatch from Vernon. Full particulars of the inquiry at Vernon and Midway show that Judge McColl did everything to meet the wishes of the complainants. Most of the latter, however, failed to appear.

The Vancouver ladies' hockey team beat the Victoria five to one goals. Tonight the visiting ladies will be entertained at a club dance at the Hotel Vancouver.



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